

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 110 of the Specification as indicated:

[0110] The one embodiment of use of the deployment device 220 will now be described with reference to Figures 16-18. In Figure 16, the proximal pin 38 of a bone fixation device 12 has been inserted into the distal opening of the deployment device 220 as far as the stop 210 will allow. From this position, the bone fixation device 12 may be axially rotated as described above in order to anchor the distal anchor within the distal bone portion. In this embodiment shown in Figure 16, a first component or [[the]] distal cap 260 of the deployment device 220 includes the anti-rotational head 266 to engage the recess 84 of the proximal anchor 50. Once the distal anchor 34 has been positioned, the finger grip 230 and plunger 224 of the deployment device 220 are compressed, and as seen in Figure 17, the traction member 240 moves proximally relative to the first component or distal housing 234 until the gripping heads 254 engage the closing surface 244, thereby causing the gripping heads 254 to be displaced toward the pin 38. As the traction member 240 continues to be proximally retracted, as shown in Figure 18, the gripping heads 254 of a second member or collet 250 eventually engage the proximal flange 39 of the pin 38 thereby allowing the pin 38 and the distal anchor 34 to be pulled proximally relative to the proximal anchor 50. In some embodiments, when proximally withdrawing the elongate body 28 and/or pin 38 of the bone fixation device 12 with respect to the proximal anchor 50, a distal end of the second component does not extend axially beyond the distal end of the first component. For example, when proximally withdrawing the pin 38 with respect to the proximal anchor 50, the distal end of the second component, the gripping head 254 or distal end of the collet 250, does not extend axially beyond the distal end of the first component, the distal end of the distal housing 234 or the distal cap 260. Once the fixation device 12 has been sufficiently retracted, and the bone portions are held sufficiently rigidly, the pin 38 may be removed either by appropriate rotation in the case of the two-piece body 28 described above, or by cauterization or other cutting method in the case of a one-piece body.